

Amendment and Response
Applicants: David W. Skinkle et al.
Serial Number: 10/659,855

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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 42 were pending in this application. Claims 1 to 33, 36 to 39, and 42 have been canceled, and claims 34, 35, 40, and 41 have been amended. The subject matter of canceled claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 34. Claims 34, 35, 40, and 41 will be pending and under examination after entry of this amendment.

The Examiner indicated on page thirty-one of the October 5, 2005 Office Action that the subject matter of claims 36, 40, and 41 was allowable. Claim 34 has been amended to recite the subject matter of canceled claim 36. Claim 35 depends from claim 34.

The Examiner made a restriction requirement. Applicants affirm the election of Group I (claims 1 to 36, 40, and 41).

The Examiner stated that the title of the invention is not descriptive and that a new title is required. Applicants have amended the title of the invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 14, 16 to 32, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 2658926 A1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,530,691 (Brown) and U.S. Patent No. 4,734,089 (Cullis).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection of the claims. Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner, the claims have been amended to recite subject matter the Examiner considers to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection of the claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 15 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 2658926 A1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,530,691 (Brown) and U.S. Patent No. 4,734,089 (Cullis) as applied to claims 1 and 16 above and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,199,544 (Muhlbock et al.).

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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